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AMENDMENT

PATENT

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 2, please rewrite lines 16-19 as follows:

According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a distribution system for transfer of components to a position for picking by a pick and place machine head, ~~the distribution system according to claim 1.~~

Page 2, please rewrite lines 20-23 as follows:

According to a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided a component distributor module for use in a distribution system for the transfer of components to a position for picking by a pick and place machine head, ~~the component distributor module according to claim 9.~~

Page 2, please rewrite lines 25-31 as follows:

According to a third aspect of the present invention, there is provided a base portion for use in a distribution system for the transfer of components to a position for picking by a pick and place machine head, ~~the base portion according to claim 10.~~

~~Preferred and/or optional features of the distribution system are set out in the dependent claims.~~